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Field Activities

Two homes sampled as of noon today. Two additional homes are scheduled to be sampled this afternoon.

Additional START personnel mobilized to the site to support sampling operations.

Command Post operations will move to a rental building in South Montrose to accommodate operations and additional site personnel. Telephone number remains the same (570-955-3563).

Summary of surveys, appointments, sampling:

	Executive Summary						
	Surveys	Survey	Appointments		Splits with PADEP	Splits with Cabot	Sampling Done
		followup	Appointments	to be			
	1/30/2012	Received	Scheduled	scheduled			
Sampling Categories							
CO&A List (21)		18	3	19	2	3	3
Historical Sampling (34)		33	1	34	0	2	1
Added on Criteria (0)		0	0	0	0	0	0
Unaccounted (11)		1	10	0	0	0	0
TOTALS (66)		52	14	53	2	5	4

*Unaccounted category included homes where phone disconnected, phone calls not returned, sampling status unknown or outside published area - not counted in appointment to be scheduled

Lab

All samples that were received by the Regional Labs (2, 3, and 9) were analyzed before holding times expired.

State/Congressional

Jennie Saxe (PA liaison) spoke with staff from the office of PA State Senator Greenleaf (R-Bucks/Montgomery Counties). Last week, the Senator's staff made an inquiry to HQ OCIR regarding Dimock, Pavilion, and the ORD study; the main question was whether or not EPA had made a connection between natural gas drilling and/or hydraulic fracturing and environmental impacts. The PA liaison spoke to EPA's current Dimock sampling and that it was in response to a set of groundwater data which, although incomplete, indicated that some constituents were present at levels of health concern. The staff made an inquiry as to when results would be back from EPA's sampling; the PA liaison outlined the sampling timeframe and the turnaround time that we have been communicating with other parties. The PA liaison also discussed some on-going Agency regulatory development (ELG development, NESHAP/NSPS for oil and gas, etc.). Jennie Saxe, 215-814-5806

Legal

Cabot's counsel called to "introduce" Cabot's other firm to me, Bracewell & Giuliani, which she stated would be "handling Cabot's response to the EPA letter going forward." Doug Frankenthaler joined me on the call.

We discussed the meeting:

Initial proposed dates: week of 2/20: 2/21, 2/22, or 2/23

Agenda items were not proposed, except for possibly them discussing the work Cabot has done in the area. Expected time is 90 minutes - 2hrs.

Proposed attendees: Kevin Cunningham, General Counsel of Cabot, a technical person, and Cabot's lawyers (Bracewell & Guiliani + Fulbright). They need to confirm exactly who the technical person would be and get back to me.

Also, they are on target for sending additional Cabot sampling data on 2/3, in response to the 104e letter, and stated it will amount to about 100,000 pages on cds.

Let me know if you need additional information.

Ron

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